



National Disabled Veterans *Winter Sports Clinic*

FACT SHEET

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- What:** The 24th National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic is the world leader in promoting rehabilitation by instructing Veterans with disabilities in adaptive Alpine and Nordic skiing, and introducing them to a number of other adaptive recreational activities and sports.
- When:** Sunday, March 28 – Friday, April 2
*Closing ceremonies are the evening of Friday, April 2
- Where:** Snowmass Village, Colorado
- Who:** Participation is open to U.S. military Veterans with qualifying disabilities such as traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, orthopedic amputations, visual impairments, certain neurological conditions and other disabilities. Veterans with an inpatient or outpatient status with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and active duty military servicemen and women are eligible. More than 350 Veterans participated at the event last year.
- Why:** The Winter Sports Clinic gives Veterans with disabilities the opportunity and access to test their new-found abilities and develop new lifestyle skills. When utilizing the Clinic's extreme outdoor adventures, Veterans will surpass any perceived limitations and learn to live life to the fullest. At the Clinic, all participants develop winter sports skills and take part in a variety of workshops and educational sessions that will positively impact their rehabilitative journey and readjustment in their communities.
- Sponsors & Hosts:** Sponsored by VA and Disabled American Veterans (DAV), with financial assistance from corporate sponsors and individual donors. The Grand Junction Colorado VA Medical Center and VA's Rocky Mountain Network host the event each year.
- Events:** The five-day Clinic consists of ski lessons, a challenge race, adaptive sports workshops and educational classes, plus sponsored and self-directed alternate activities (such as scuba diving, sled hockey, a climbing wall, snowmobiling and cross country skiing). More than 200 certified ski instructors for the disabled, and several current and former members of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team, serve as ski instructors to meet the unique needs of the participants.
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